Consistent with our discussions on 1/13/2011, Illinois EPA has modified the Illinois Program Improvement Plan revised on 1/11/2011, as follows:

Objective 1

Approach 4:

4. Illinois EPA will establish a standard operating procedure, with timelines, for making a completeness determination and taking preliminary and final action on permit applications received on and after December 1, 2010. The SOP will provide for final action not more than 180 days after receipt of an application. Under the SOP, Illinois EPA will respond to all incomplete applications with a notice of incompleteness (NOI) delineating the deficiencies in the application and requiring a response within 30 days. Illinois EPA will copy U.S. EPA on all NOIs. The SOP will provide that Illinois EPA will issue a violation notice (VN) under section 31 of the EPAct or request U.S. EPA to issue information collection orders under section 308 of the Clean Water Act for any applicant who has not responded or when Illinois EPA finds that the application is still incomplete after issuance of the NOI. By February 2011, Illinois EPA will provide a draft of the SOP to U.S. EPA for review and approval or approval with modification.

Approach 10:

10. Following submittal of proposed amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Subtitle E to the Illinois Pollution Control Board, consistent with the 2003 and 2008 revisions to the CAFO federal regulations, Illinois EPA and U.S. EPA will complete a joint evaluation of general permit ILA01 to identify conditions that Illinois EPA could modify to streamline the process for review of NMPs and incorporation of NMP terms into the permit. For any conditions so identified, Illinois EPA will public notice draft modifications not more than 60 days after publication of amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code, subtitle E.

Objective 2: U.S. EPA approves amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code, subtitle E, which (1) reflect the 2003 and 2008 revisions to the federal regulations for CAFOs, and (2) require the owners or operators of all Large CAFOs to register with Illinois EPA.